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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE99/02002		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 01 July 1999		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 31 July 1998	
TITLE OF INVENTION A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE RADIO BASE STATION TO WHICH RADIO NETWORK TERMINATING FACILITIES FOR CONNECTING COMMUNICATION TERMINALS CAN BE CONNECTED					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Andreas Gustke					
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<p>Submission of Drawings Figure 1 on one sheet</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>					

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SERIAL NO: GROUP ART UNIT:

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EXAMINER:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified International Application before entry
into the National stage before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C.

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§371 as follows:

In The Specification:

On amended page 1, cancel lines 1-6 and substitute the following therefor:

--SPECIFICATION

TITLE

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**A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE RADIO
BASE STATION TO WHICH RADIO NETWORK TERMINATING
FACILITIES FOR CONNECTING COMMUNICATION TERMINALS
CAN BE CONNECTED**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a communication system which includes at least one radio base station to which radio network terminating facilities can be connected, wherein additional wireless communication relations via which
5 information can be switched directly between the network terminating facilities are provided between the network terminating facilities.

Description of the Prior Art--.

- On amended page 1, line 9, can the “-“ and substitute therefor a --(--.
- On amended page 1, line 10, cancel “, respectively”.
- 10 On amended page 1, line 10, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor --),--.
- On amended page 1, line 11, insert a --,-- after “are”.
- On amended page 1, line 11, insert a --,-- after “case”.
- On amended page 1, line 12, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor a --(--.
- On amended page 1, lines 12-13, cancel “, respectively”.
- 15 On amended page 1, line 13, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor --),--.
- On amended page 1, line 17, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor a --,--
(occurs twice).
- On amended page 1, line 21, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor a --,--
(occurs twice).
- 20 On amended page 1, line 22, insert --period of-- after “short”.
- On amended page 1, line 34, cancel the “,”.
- On amended page 2, lines 12-13, cancel “arrangement comprising” and
substitute therefor --system having--.
- On amended page 2, line 14, cancel the “,”.
- 25 On amended page 2, line 20, insert a --,-- after “is”.
- On amended page 2, line 20, insert a --,-- after “case”.
- On amended page 2, line 22, cancel “by means of” and substitute therefor
--either via--.

On amended page 2, line 23, cancel "by means of" and substitute therefor --via--.

On amended page 2, line 27, insert --which is-- after "relations".

On amended page 2, line 31, insert --present-- before "invention".

5 On amended page 2, line 31, cancel "based on the object of" and substitute therefor --directed to--.

On amended page 2, line 36, cancel "The".

On amended page 2a, cancel lines 1-2.

On amended page 3, cancel lines 1-2 and substitute the following centered
10 heading therefor:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On amended page 3, line 3, cancel "In" and substitute therefor --
Accordingly, in--.

On amended page 3, line 3, cancel "arrangement" and substitute therefor --
15 system--.

On amended page 3, line 4, insert --present-- before "invention".

On amended page 3, line 6, insert --wherein-- before "first".

On amended page 3, line 7, cancel "being" and substitute therefor --are--.

On amended page 3, line 9, cancel "The essential" and substitute therefor
20 --A key--.

On amended page 3, line 10, cancel "arrangement according to" and
substitute therefor --system of--.

On amended page 3, line 11, insert --present-- before "invention".

On amended page 3, line 11, cancel "consists in" and substitute therefor --
25 is--.

On amended page 3, line 12, cancel "exhibit" and substitute therefor --have--
-.

On amended page 13, line 13, cancel "means" and substitute therefor --
capabilities--.

On amended page 3, line 14, cancel “, the” and substitute therefor --; such--.

On amended page 3, line 14, cancel “means” and substitute therefor --capabilities--.

On amended page 3, line 18, cancel “The essential” and substitute therefor
5 --An--.

On amended page 3, line 19, cancel “arrangement according to” and substitute therefor --system of--.

On amended page 3, line 19, insert --present-- before “invention”.

On amended page 3, line 19, cancel “consists in” and substitute therefor --
10 is--.

On amended page 3, line 20, cancel the “-“ before “voice” and substitute therefor a --(--.

On amended page 3, line 20, cancel the “-“ after “data” and substitute therefor --),--.

On amended page 3, line 24, cancel the “,” and substitute therefor a --(--.

On amended page 3, line 24, insert a --,-- after “i.e.”.

On amended page 3, line 25, insert a --)-- after “controllers”.

On amended page 3, line 25, cancel “component” and substitute therefor --components--.

On amended page 3, line 32, cancel “step by step” and substitute therefor
20 --step-by-step--.

On amended page 3, line 36, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor a --(--.

On amended page 3a, line 2, cancel “e.g.” and substitute therefor --such as--

On amended page 3a, line 3, insert a --)-- after “rate”.

On amended page 3a, line 4, insert a --,-- after “networks”.

On amended page 3a, line 6, cancel “advantageous”.

On amended page 3a, line 6, insert --of the present invention-- after
“embodiment”.

On amended page 3b, line 7, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor a --,--.

On amended page 3b, line 7, insert a --,-- after “example”.

On amended page 3b, line 11, cancel “means” and substitute therefor --capabilities--.

5 On amended page 3b, line 14, cancel “units” and substitute therefor --facilities--.

On page 4, line 2, cancel “- claim 7”.

On page 4, line 4, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor --, which were--.

On page 4, line 5, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor a --,--.

10 On page 4, line 6, insert --radio-- before “network”.

On page 4, line 7, cancel “units” and substitute therefor --facilities--.

On page 4, line 12, cancel “can”.

On page 4, line 12, insert --can-- after “also”.

On page 4, line 14, cancel “a further” and substitute therefor --another--.

15 On page 4, line 14, insert --of the present invention-- after “embodiment”.

On page 4, line 15, cancel “means” and substitute therefor --capabilities--.

On page 4, line 15, cancel “constructed in” and substitute therefor --effected--.

On page 4, line 15, cancel “a manner”.

20 On page 4, line 22, cancel “- claim 8”.

On page 4, line 22, cancel “Due to this advantageous embodiment” and substitute therefor --As a result--.

On page 4, line 24, cancel “units” and substitute therefor --facilities--.

On page 4, line 26, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor a --;--.

25 On page 4, line 26, insert a --,-- after “example”.

On page 4, line 29, cancel “As” and substitute therefor --Pursuant to--.

On page 4, line 29, cancel “advantageous”.

On page 4, line 29, insert --of the present invention-- after “embodiment”.

On page 4, line 30, cancel “unit” and substitute therefor --facility--.

On page 4, line 32, cancel "- claim 11".

On page 4, line 34, cancel "for example" and substitute therefor --such as--.

On page 4, line 37, cancel "a further advantageous" and substitute therefor --another--.

5 On page 4, line 37, insert --of the present invention-- after "embodiment".

On page 4, line 38, cancel "units" and substitute therefor --facilities--.

On page 4, line 39, cancel "means for implementing" and substitute therefor --capabilities to implement--.

On page 5, lines 2-3, cancel "- claim 15".

10 On page 5, line 7, cancel the "-“ before "LANs" and substitute therefor a --
(--.

On page 5, line 7, cancel the "-“ after "LANs" and substitute therefor a --)--.

On page 5, line 8, cancel the "-“ before "WANs" and substitute therefor a
--(--.

15 On page 5, line 8, cancel the "-“ after "WANs" and substitute therefor a --)-
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On page 5, line 12, cancel the ",", and substitute therefor a --;--.

On page 5, line 12, insert a --,-- after "i.e.".

On page 5, cancel lines 20-26 and substitute the following therefor:

20 --Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described
in, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description of the Preferred
Embodiments and the Drawings.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

25 Figure 1 shows a communication system of the present invention wherein
a number of radio network terminating facilities are connected to a radio base station.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

On page 5, line 27, insert --of Figure 1-- after "diagram".

On page 5, line 28, cancel "arrangement" and substitute therefor --system--.

On page 5, line 29, cancel "units" and substitute therefor --facilities--.

On page 7, line 9, cancel the “-“ before “illustrated” and substitute therefor --which is--.

On page 7, line 9, cancel the “-“ after “border” and substitute therefor a --,--

5 On page 7, line 18, cancel the “,” after “modulation”.

On page 7, line 21, cancel “said” and substitute therefor --these--.

On page 7, line 26, cancel “said” and substitute therefor --the--.

On page 7, line 27, cancel the “-“ before “which” and substitute therefor a --(--.

10 On page 7, line 28, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor a --)--.

On page 7, line 28, insert a --,-- after “MC-DS-CDMA”.

On page 7, line 29, cancel the “-“ before “multitone” and substitute therefor a --)--.

15 On page 7, line 29, cancel the “-“ after “CDMA” and substitute therefor a --)--.

On page 7, line 33, cancel “units” and substitute therefor --facilities--.

On page 7, line 35, cancel “by means of” and substitute therefor --via--.

On page 7, line 38, insert a --,-- after “are”.

On page 7, line 38, insert a --,-- after “case”.

20 On page 8, line 12, cancel the “-“ and substitute a --(--.

On page 8, line 12, insert a --,-- after “e.g.”.

On page 8, line 14, insert --radio-- after “individual”.

On page 8, line 15, cancel “units” and substitute therefor --facilities--.

On page 8, line 15, cancel the “-“ and substitute therefor a --(--.

25 On page 8, line 18, insert --radio-- after “neighboring”.

On page 8, line 27, cancel the “,” and substitute therefor a --(--.

On page 8, line 27, insert a --,-- after “i.e.”.

On page 8, line 29, insert a --)-- after “zkb”.

On page 8, line 30, cancel the “,”.

- On page 8, line 30, insert --radio-- before "network".
- On page 8, line 31, insert --radio-- before "network".
- On page 8, line 32, insert a --,-- after "RNT4".
- On page 8, line 34, insert --radio-- before "network".
- 5 On page 8, line 34, cancel the "--" and substitute therefor a --(--.
- On page 8, line 35, cancel the "--" and substitute therefor a --)--.
- On page 8, line 37, cancel the "--" and substitute therefor a --(--.
- On page 8, line 38, insert a --)-- after "p2".
- On page 9, line 12, cancel "unit" and substitute therefor --facility--.
- 10 On page 9, line 13, cancel the "--" and substitute therefor a --,--.
- On page 9, line 15, cancel the "--" and substitute therefor a --,--.
- On page 9, line 20, cancel "units" and substitute therefor --facilities--.
- On page 9, line 25, cancel the "--" and substitute therefor a --;--.
- On page 9, line 25, insert a --,-- after "example".
- 15 On page 9, line 36, cancel "arrangement" and substitute therefor --system--.
- On page 10, line 5, cancel the "--" and substitute therefor a --;--.
- On page 10, line 6, insert a --,-- after "example".
- On page 10, line 6, cancel the "," after "computer" and substitute therefor
- a --(--.
- 20 On page 10, line 6, cancel the "--" and substitute therefor a --)--.
- On page 10, line 20, insert --radio-- before "network".
- On page 10, line 20, cancel "unit" and substitute therefor --facility--.
- On page 10, line 24, cancel "are" and substitute therefor --is--.
- On page 10, line 25, cancel "and" before "the" and substitute therefor --
- 25 with--.
- On page 10, line 25, cancel "is" and substitute therefor --being--.
- On page 10, line 26, insert --radio-- before "network".
- On page 10, line 26, cancel "unit" and substitute therefor --facility--.
- On page 10, line 37, insert --radio-- before "network".

- On page 10, line 37, cancel "unit" and substitute therefor --facility--.
- On page 11, line 6, cancel "units" and substitute therefor --facilities--.
- On page 11, line 9, insert --radio-- before "network".
- On page 11, line 10, cancel "unit" and substitute therefor --facility--.
- 5 On page 11, line 21, cancel ", and the" and substitute therefor --. The--.
- On page 11, line 34, cancel the "- " and substitute therefor a --,--.
- On page 11a, line 2, insert a --,-- after "by".
- On page 11a, line 2, insert a --,-- after "case".
- On page 12, after line 9, insert the following paragraph:
- 10 --Although the present invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, those of skill in the art will recognize that changes may be made thereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the hereafter appended claims.--
- On page 17 (last page), cancel lines 1-6 and substitute the following
- 15 centered heading therefor::
- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE--**
- On page 17, line 8, cancel "arrangement comprising" and substitute therefor --system including--.
- On page 17, line 9, cancel "(RBS)".
- 20 On page 17, line 10, cancel "(RNT1...5)".
- On page 17, line 12, cancel "(zkb)".
- On page 17, line 13, cancel "(RNT1...5)".
- On page 17, line 15, cancel "(RNT1...5)".
- On page 17, line 15, cancel "(kb)".
- 25 On page 17, line 16, cancel "(RBS)".
- On page 17, line 17, cancel "(RNT1...5)".
- On page 17, line 17, cancel "A gradual migration".
- On page 17, cancel lines 18-21.

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In the Claims:

On amended page 13, cancel line 1, and substitute the following left-hand justified heading therefor:

--I Claim As My Invention:--.

5 Please cancel claims 1-15, without prejudice, and substitute the following claims therefor:

16. A communication system, comprising:

at least one radio base station to which radio network terminating facilities for connecting communication terminals can be connected;

10 first communication relations provided between the radio base station and the radio network terminating facilities within a first communication network; and

additional transmission and switching means in the radio network terminating facilities for implementing at least one further communication network, wherein the additional transmission and switching means provide for implementing

15 additional wireless communication relations between the radio network terminating facilities.

17. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:

20 at least one further radio network terminating facility, wherein the additional wireless communication relations are switched via the at least one further radio network terminating facility.

18. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the

25 at least one further communication network is provided for implementing additional wireless communication relations in a home domain.

19. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the

30 first communication network is a public communication network and the at least one further communication network is a private communication network.

20. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the additional transmission and switching means includes switching and transmission routines, implemented as programs, for implementing the additional wireless communication relations.

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21. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least one of a connection-oriented wireless communication network and a connectionless wireless communication network is formed with the aid of the additional wireless communication relations.

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22. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein a self-configuring wireless communication network having a neural network structure is formed with the aid of the additional wireless communication relations.

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23. A communication system as claimed in claim 21, wherein information to be transmitted is inserted into packet-oriented data streams and the packet-oriented data streams are switched via the wireless communication network, and wherein services based on Internet protocol are implemented with the aid of the wireless communication network.

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24. A communication system as claimed in claim 22, wherein information to be transmitted is inserted into packet-oriented data streams and the packet-oriented data streams are switched via the wireless communication network, and wherein services based on Internet protocol are implemented with the aid of the wireless communication network.

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25. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:

means for implementing the communication relations in the radio base station and in the radio network terminating facilities, wherein data streams to be transmitted from the radio base station to the radio network terminating facilities are transmitted in accordance with at least one of a TDM-oriented, FDM-oriented and
5 CDM-oriented multiple transmission method, and wherein data streams to be transmitted from the radio network terminating units to the radio base station are transmitted according to at least one of a TDMA, CDMA and FDMA access transmission method.

10 26. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the additional wireless communication relations are implemented with the aid of one of an MC-CDMA multiple access method, a COFDM modulation, and a multiple access method conforming to CDMA.

15 27. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least one of the radio network terminating facilities includes at least one further connection to an additional communication network.

20 28. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least one of the radio network terminating units additionally represents a repeater network terminating unit.

25 29. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least one of the radio network terminating units includes further means for encrypting information to be transmitted with the aid of the additional wireless communication relations.

30. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least one of the radio network terminating units includes further means for

compressing information to be transmitted with the aid of the additional wireless communication relations.

31. A communication system as claimed in claim 16, wherein at
5 least one the radio network terminating units includes means for implementing a wireless packet-oriented communication system according to ITU Recommendation H.323 or H.324.

REMARKS

10 The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the specification in order to conform the specification to the requirements of the United States Patent practice. No new matter is added thereby. Original claims 1-15 have been canceled in favor of new claims 16-31. Claims 16-31 have been presented solely because the revisions by bracketing and underlining which
15 would have been necessary in claims 1-15 in order to present those claims in accordance with preferred United States Patent practice would have been too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The amendment is intended for clarification purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to patentability pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Indeed, the cancellation of claims 1-
20 15 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicant to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-15.

Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Description

Communication arrangement comprising at least one radio base station to which radio network
5 terminating facilities for connecting communication terminals can be connected.

In wireless communication networks based on radio channels, especially in point-to-multipoint radio feeder networks - also called "radio in the local loop"
10 or, respectively "RLL" - a number of network terminating units are in each case connected to a base station - also called "radio base station" or, respectively "RBS" - via one or more radio channels. In telecom Report No. 18 (1995), Vol. 1 "Drahtlos zum
15 Freizeichen", (wirelessly to the ringing-tone signal), page 36, 37, for example, a wireless feeder network - also called subscriber access network - for wireless voice and data communication is described. The communication system described represents an RLL
20 subscriber line in combination with modern broadband infrastructure - e.g. "fiber to the curb" - which can be implemented within a short time and without great expenditure, instead of running wire-connected subscriber lines. The network terminating units RNT
25 allocated to the individual subscribers are connected to a high-level communication network, for example to the ISDN-oriented fixed network, via the "radio channel" transmission medium and the base station RBS.

In EP 0 689 303 A, a wireless TDMA-oriented
30 communication system is described in which a number of wireless communication terminals or mobile telephones are connected to a radio base station. The wireless communication system represents a wireless TDMA-oriented communication network, in which first
35 information items can be exchanged between the wireless

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in accordance with a time-slot-oriented or TDMA-oriented transmission protocol. In this arrangement, this information is transmitted via a first transmission frequency. In addition, other
5 information items modulated on a second carrier wave with a second carrier frequency can be transmitted directly between two wireless communication terminals. The additional information is then transmitted in accordance with the same TDMA protocol in accordance
10 with which the first information items are also transmitted.

Furthermore, a communication arrangement comprising at least one radio base station with mobile radio telephones connected thereto is described, in
15 which first communication relations between the radio base station and the mobile radio telephones are provided. The mobile radio telephones are designed in such a manner that direct communication with a further mobile radio telephone of the same type of construction
20 is in each case possible without involving the mobile radio network. Direct communication between the mobile radio telephones takes place by means of additional frequencies or by means of special coding methods, the direct communication between two mobile radio
25 telephones only being possible if these are arranged spatially close enough to one another. The additional communication relations thus made possible between two mobile radio telephones can only be set up as direct connections between two mobile radio telephones "in the
30 manner of a walkie-talkie".

The invention is based on the object of expanding current wireless communication networks based on a hierarchical structure, especially wireless subscriber access networks, by additional features and
35 possible applications which are of interest both to the user and to the communication network operator. The

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object is achieved on the basis of a communication
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of the preamble of claim 1 by its characterizing features.

In the communication arrangement according to the invention, radio network terminating facilities for
5 connecting communication terminals can be connected to at least one radio base station, first communication relations being provided between the radio base station and the radio network terminating facilities within a first communication network. The essential aspect of
10 the communication arrangement according to the invention consists in that the radio network terminating facilities exhibit additional transmission and switching means for implementing at least one further communication network, the additional means
15 being provided for implementing additional wireless communication relations between the radio network terminating facilities.

The essential advantage of the communication arrangement according to the invention consists in that
20 information - voice, video or other data - can be switched directly between network terminating units arranged in a subscriber access network. Shifting switching functions which were previously arranged centrally, i.e. in the base stations or in their
25 controllers, as network intelligence component into the network terminating units which are wirelessly connected to the base station enables the communication network operators to migrate step by step towards combined wireless communication networks with a
30 decentralized organization. Creating the possibility of converting hierarchically structured communication networks step by step and in a demand-related manner into communication networks with a decentralized organization and, in particular, adapting wireless
35 subscriber access networks to the future subscriber requirements - chronologically unlimited utilization of

broadband services and billing of any costs on the basis of a transparent tariff model, e.g. a monthly flat rate, enhances the acceptance, particularly of wireless subscriber access networks and accelerates
5 their market penetration.

According to an advantageous embodiment, the additional means are constructed in such a manner that the additional wireless communication relations between at least two radio network terminating units are
10 switched via at least one further radio network terminating unit - claim 2. Advantageously equipping the radio network terminating facilities with repeater functions makes it possible to implement an additional, closely intermeshed wireless communication network
15 within the subscriber access network without great time expenditure and with minimum technical complexity, which additional communication network can be operated independently of the communication relations between the network terminating units and the radio base
20 station. Advantageously, the infrastructure of wireless subscriber access networks already installed can be used for implementing the additional wireless communication network - e.g. by exchanging network terminating units already installed in a wireless
25 subscriber access network.

According to an advantageous further development, the at least one further communication network is provided for implementing additional wireless communication relations in the home
30 domain - claim 3. According to another further development, the first communication network is constructed as a public communication network and the at least one further communication network is constructed as a private communication network - claim
35 4. Due to these advantageous further developments, wireless communication networks currently to be

installed, especially public wireless subscriber access networks for transmitting POTS (plain old telephone service) services, can be adapted to the customer requirements without great expenditure by setting up an
5 additional communication network or private communication network in the home domain which can be operated in parallel - for example setting up inexpensive modem access points for the wireless connection of personal computers to higher-level
10 computer networks.

The additional means are advantageously constructed in such a manner that, with the aid of the wireless communication relations between the radio network terminating units, a self-

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configuring wireless communication network having a neural network structure is formed - claim 7. This advantageous embodiment makes it possible to shift the switching functions - previously implemented in the radio base stations - as part of the network intelligence into the peripherals of the network terminating units as a result of which the economic expenditure for implementing additional wireless communication networks is minimized. Advantageously, wireless communication networks without radio base stations and the central switching functions arranged therein can also be implemented with little economic expenditure.

According to a further advantageous embodiment, the additional means are constructed in such a manner that information to be transmitted is inserted into packet-oriented data streams and the packet-oriented data streams are switched via the wireless communication network. Services based on the Internet protocol - also called IP services - are implemented with the aid of the wireless communication network - claim 8. Due to this advantageous embodiment, the subscribers connected to the radio network terminating units can be provided inexpensively with current IP services based on the Internet technology - for example transmission and reception of E-mail, transmission of files or utilization of the world wide web.

As a further advantageous embodiment, at least one radio network terminating unit exhibits at least one further connection to a second communication network - claim 11. This further connection can be constructed, for example, as access point to a higher-level communication network, for example to an IP-based communication network of a further network operator.

According to a further advantageous embodiment, the radio network terminating units exhibit further means for implementing

a wireless packet-oriented communication system according to ITU Recommendation H.323 or H.324 - claim 15. IT Recommendation H.323 specifies communication systems via which audio, video and other data are transmitted via packet-based or packet-oriented communication networks. Packet-oriented networks can represent both local area networks - LANs - and wide area networks - WANs - and Intranets or the Internet. Advantageously, a communication system according to Recommendation H.323 or, respectively, H.324 can be implemented independently of the basic physical network topology, i.e. incompatibilities between products of different manufacturers in the case of multimedia communication via packet-oriented communication networks are illuminated. Advantageously, IP-based communication networks can be connected to normal telephone networks for implementing pure voice connections with the aid of the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) standard.

Further advantageous embodiments of the communication arrangement according to the invention can be found in the further claims.

In the text which follows, the communication arrangement according to the invention will be explained in greater detail with the aid of a block diagram.

The block diagram shows a communication arrangement which is arranged in a coverage area and in which a number of radio network terminating units RNT1...5 are connected via the wireless "radio channel" transmission medium or, respectively, via wireless communication relations KB to a radio base station RBS representing the center of the coverage area or, respectively, the radio area FB. In this exemplary embodiment, the communication arrangement represents a public wireless subscriber access network or ACCESS - also called ACCESS network - for example based on a CDMA multiple access method - also called wireless

local loop "WLL" system. At the subscriber end, each network terminating unit RNT1...5 can be connected to at least one decentralized communication terminal - not shown. A decentralized communication terminal can be implemented, for example, by a multimedia communication terminal or an ISDN-oriented telephone terminal or by a personal computer. The radio base station RBS is connected to a radio base station controller RBC via a connecting line. The radio base station controller RBC is connected via a copper line or an optical waveguide or a microwave feeder system - indicated by VL in the block diagram - to a radio distribution unit RDU in which the voice transcoding and the administration of the resources of the radio area FB and of the resources in the direction of the higher-level ISDN-oriented communication network IKN takes place, among other things. As an alternative, the radio resources of the respective radio area FB can also be administered or, respectively, offered and allocated in the radio base station RBS or in the radio base station controller RBC. The radio distribution unit RDU is connected to the public fixed network via a standardized V5.1 interface, for example by an optical waveguide LWL, i.e. all decentralized communication terminals connected to the radio network terminating units RNT1...5 are connected to the higher-level, ISDN-oriented communication network IKN via the wireless subscriber access network or ACCESS.

According to the invention, each decentralized radio network terminating unit RNT1...5 exhibits, in addition to the radio interface which, for example, can also be constructed in accordance with the DECT standard, for implementing the "WLL system" already described or, respectively, for implementing the public subscriber access network or ACCESS, additional radio means - not shown - for implementing a further radio interface. Via the further radio interface, additional wireless communication relations zkb are set up between

the decentralized radio network terminating units RNT1...5 arranged in the subscriber access network or ACCESS, with the aid of which the radio network terminating units RNT1...5 are connected to one another in a closely intermeshed manner. Due to the additional wireless communication relations, an additional wireless communication network PN, for example a private communication network PN arranged in a city district - illustrated by a dotted border - is implemented in parallel with the public wireless subscriber access network or ACCESS which already exists. In the text which follows, the additional wireless communication network PN implemented with the aid of the additional wireless communication relations zkb is also called a private communication network PN.

The further radio interface is based, for example, on the combination of a multicarrier modulation or, respectively, MC modulation, and a spread-spectrum technology in transmission; the combination is also called multicarrier spread-spectrum MC-SS. Combining said transmission techniques also results in a combination of the advantages of the transmission techniques: higher flexibility, higher spectrum efficiency, simpler detection possibilities and avoidance of narrow-band interference. As variants of embodiments of said MC-SS multiple access methods, MC-CDMA - which results from a combination of DS-CDMA with MC modulation - or MC-DS-CDMA or MT-CDMA - multitone CDMA - can be mentioned. As an alternative, the further radio interface can be constructed, for example, in accordance with the DECT standard. The close intermeshing of the individual radio network terminating units RNT1...5 arranged in the subscriber access network or ACCESS, which is effected by means of the additional communication relations zkb, provides for direct communication of each radio network terminating facility RNT1...5 with the radio network terminating facilities RNT1...5 which are in each case

radio network terminating facilities RNT1...5. Since this provides for autoconfiguration during the initialization of a network terminating facility RNT1...5 and for automatic routing during the setting-up of a connection via the radio network terminating facilities RNT1...5 which are arranged in the subscriber access network or ACCESS and have mutually equal access authorization, the private communication network PN implemented with the aid of the additional wireless communication relations zbk attains the characteristic of a self-learning neural network. Thus, instead of manual, cellular communication network planning - e.g. by manually configuring the connection and routing tables stored in the individual network terminating units RNT1...5 - the private communication network PN is self-configured. In self-configuration, the frequency range and the transmitting level are tuned to the neighboring network terminating facilities RNT1...5 found by each radio network terminating facility RNT1...5 newly added to the wireless subscriber access network or ACCESS during the initialization. Furthermore, adaptive antennas and their controllable directional pattern provide for dynamic power matching.

Depending on the state of configuration of the connection and routing tables stored in the individual radio network terminating facilities RNT1...5 and depending on the traffic load, i.e. depending on the loading on the individual additional wireless communication relations zkb, data to be transmitted, for example, from the second network terminating facility RNT2 to the fourth network terminating facility RNT4 are transmitted either via the radio channel set up directly between the second and fourth network terminating facility RNT2, 4 - illustrated by a first dot-dashed arrow p1 - or alternatively via the third radio network terminating facility RNT3 acting as relay station or repeater station - illustrated by a second dot-dashed arrow p2. Each radio

network terminating facility RNT1...5 arranged within the private communication network PN can represent an originating and/or terminating point of a connection operated via the private communication network PN and, at the same time, fulfill the function of a repeater or relay station for other connections operated via the private communication network PN. The private communication network PN can be constructed both as a packet-oriented communication network PN or as a circuit-oriented communication network PN. In a packet-oriented private communication network PN, each radio network terminating unit RNT1...5 arranged therein represents a network node via which data packets - with the routing information arranged therein and user information to be transmitted - are readdressed and forwarded with the aid of the stored routing tables. In a circuit-oriented private communication network PN, each current connection is based on a circuit-switched radio channel via an arbitrary number of radio network terminating units RNT1...5.

In the present exemplary embodiment, the fourth radio network terminating facility RNT4 is connected via a subscriber line AL to a packet-oriented communication network IP conforming to the Internet Protocol - for example a communication network connecting a number of private communication networks PN, also called "backbone". Advantageously, transitions between communication networks having different transmission or access protocols can be implemented by interposing special conversion units, also called gateways. As examples, transitions to X.25 communication networks or frame-relay communication networks or virtual telephone networks can be mentioned.

According to an advantageous variant of the embodiment of the communication arrangement shown, the private communication network PN implemented with the aid of the additional wireless communication relations zkb is constructed as

communication system according to ITU Recommendation H.323 - packet-based multimedia communication systems - or, respectively, H.324 - low bitrate multimedia communication, in which at least audio communication is supported by each local communication terminal - for example a personal computer, not shown - connected to a radio network terminating facility RNT1...5. In contrast, processing and transportation of video and other data is optional. Communication terminals constructed in accordance with ITU Recommendation, H.323 or, respectively, H.324 can be, for example, functionally integrated in the personal computer or implemented as stand-alone solution. An H.323 communication system exhibits a number of logical units which are called "terminal", "gateway", "gatekeeper" and "multipoint control unit (MCU)". In the present exemplary embodiment, each radio network terminating unit RNT1...5 arranged in the subscriber access network or ACCESS represents a logical unit according to Recommendation H.323. A network terminating unit RNT1...5 implementing the function of an H.323 terminal can communicate, for example, with another H.323 terminal, gateway or multipoint control unit (MCU) in real time and it is mainly voice data which are transmitted in real time and the transmission of video and other data is supported additionally. A network terminating unit RNT1...5 implementing the function of an H.323 gateway can communicate, for example, with other H.323 gateways or with H.323 terminals in circuit-oriented communication networks IP. Circuit-oriented communication networks can be, for example, the ISDN network, the ATM network or the conventional analog telephone network. A number of private communication networks PN implemented in wireless subscriber access networks or ACCESS, for example, can be connected via such a connection-oriented communication network IP. A network terminating unit RNT1...5 implementing the function of multipoint control unit (MCU) enables three or more H.323 terminals or H.323 gateways to

participate in multipoint connections or in conferences, respectively.

In a private communication network PN constructed in accordance with ITU Recommendation H.323, multimedia connections from the radio network terminating units RNT1...5 arranged in the private communication network PN or, respectively, from the communication terminals connected thereto to the communication network IP connected to the fifth network terminating unit RNT5 or, respectively, corresponding multimedia connections to further private communication networks connected thereto can be implemented between networks. In this arrangement, a protocol conversion between the transmission protocols used in each case in the communication networks PN, IP is carried out by correspondingly designed gateways. Pure voice connections can be advantageously switched between the individual closely intermeshed radio network terminating facilities RNT1...5 arranged in the subscriber access network or ACCESS or, respectively, in the private communication network PN, and the voice data transmitted via the private communication network PN can be retransmitted with the aid of the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) standard via a communication network IP constructed in accordance with the Internet Protocol standard.

Switching voice data and all other types of multimedia data within the private communication network PN described and the possibility of retransmitting the multimedia data via the higher-level communication network IP represents an alternative possibility of switching data compared with conventional transmission paths implemented in the current wireless subscriber access networks or ACCESS - such as, for example, via the radio base station RBS and via the ISDN-oriented fixed network IKN connected to the radio base station RBS. The subscriber access network or ACCESS and the private communication network PN implemented therein in each case represent

independent communication networks which can be
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different communication network operators or providers. The parallel arrangement of a number of independent wireless communication networks or ACCESS, PN within the same radio area FB makes it possible to implement subscriber access networks or ACCESS which can be designed to be flexible and which can be adapted to the new requirements of the subscribers connected to them within a short period of time and with the least economic expenditure.

Patent Claims

1. A communication arrangement comprising at least one radio base station (RBS) to which radio network
5 terminating facilities (RNT1...5) for connecting communication terminals can be connected, first communication relations (kb) being provided between the radio base station (RBS) and the radio network
10 terminating facilities (RNT1...5) within a first communication network (or ACCESS), characterized in that the radio network terminating facilities (RNT1...5) exhibit additional transmission and switching means for implementing at least one further communication network
15 (PN), the additional means being provided for implementing additional wireless communication relations (zkb) between the radio network terminating facilities (RNT1...5).
2. The communication arrangement as claimed in
20 claim 1, characterized in that the additional means are constructed in such a manner that the additional wireless communication relations (zkb) between at least two radio network terminating units (RNT1...5) are switched via at least one further radio network
25 terminating unit (RNT1...5).
3. The communication arrangement as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the at least one further communication network (PN) is provided for implementing additional wireless communication
30 relations in the home domain.
4. The communication arrangement as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, characterized in that the first communication network (or ACCESS) is constructed as a public communication network and the at least one
35 further

communication network (PN) is constructed as a private communication network.

5. The communication arrangement as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the
5 additional means are constructed as switching and transmission routines, implemented as programs, for implementing the additional wireless communication relations (zkb).

6. The communication arrangement as claimed in one
10 of the preceding claims, characterized in that the additional means are constructed in such a manner that a connection-oriented or connectionless wireless communication network (PN) is formed with the aid of the additional wireless communication relations (zkb).

7. The communication arrangement as claimed in one
15 of the preceding claims, characterized in that the additional means are constructed in such a manner that, with the aid of the additional wireless communication relations (zkb) between the radio network terminating
20 units (RNT1...5), a self-configuring wireless communication network (PN) having a neural network structure is formed.

8. The communication arrangement as claimed in
25 claim 6 or 7, characterized in that the additional means are constructed in such a manner that

- information to be transmitted is inserted into packet-oriented data streams and the packet-oriented data streams are switched via the wireless communication network (PN), and

- that services based on the Internet protocol are implemented with the aid of the wireless communication network (PN).

9. The communication arrangement as claimed in one
5 of the preceding claims, characterized in that, in the radio base station (RBS) and in the radio network terminating facilities (RNT1...5), means for implementing the communication relations (kb) are arranged which are constructed in such a manner that

- 10 - data streams to be transmitted from the radio base station (RBS) to the radio network terminating facilities (RNT1...5) are transmitted in accordance with a TDM- or FDM- or CDM-oriented multiple transmission method or according to a combination
15 of these, and that

- data streams to be transmitted from the radio network terminating units (RNT1...5) to the radio base station (RBS) are transmitted according to a TDMA or CDMA or FDMA access transmission method or
20 a combination of these.

10. The communication arrangement as claimed in one
of the preceding claims, characterized in that the additional means are constructed in such a manner that the additional wireless communication relations (zkb)
25 between the network terminating units (RNT1...5) are implemented with the aid of an MC-CDMA multiple access method or by a COFDM modulation or by a multiple access method conforming to CDMA.

11. The communication arrangement as claimed in one
30 of the preceding claims, characterized in that

at least one radio network terminating unit (RNT1...5) exhibits at least one further connection to an additional communication network (IP).

12. The communication arrangement as claimed in one
5 of the preceding claims, characterized in that the additional means are constructed in such a manner that a radio network terminating unit (RNT1...5) additionally represents a repeater network terminating unit.

13. The communication arrangement as claimed in one
10 of the preceding claims, characterized in that the radio network terminating unit (RNT1...5) exhibits further means for encrypting information to be transmitted with the aid of the additional wireless communication relations (zkb).

14. The communication arrangement as claimed in one
15 of the preceding claims, characterized in that the radio network terminating unit (RNT1...5) exhibits further means for compressing information to be transmitted with the aid of the additional wireless
20 communication relations (zkb).

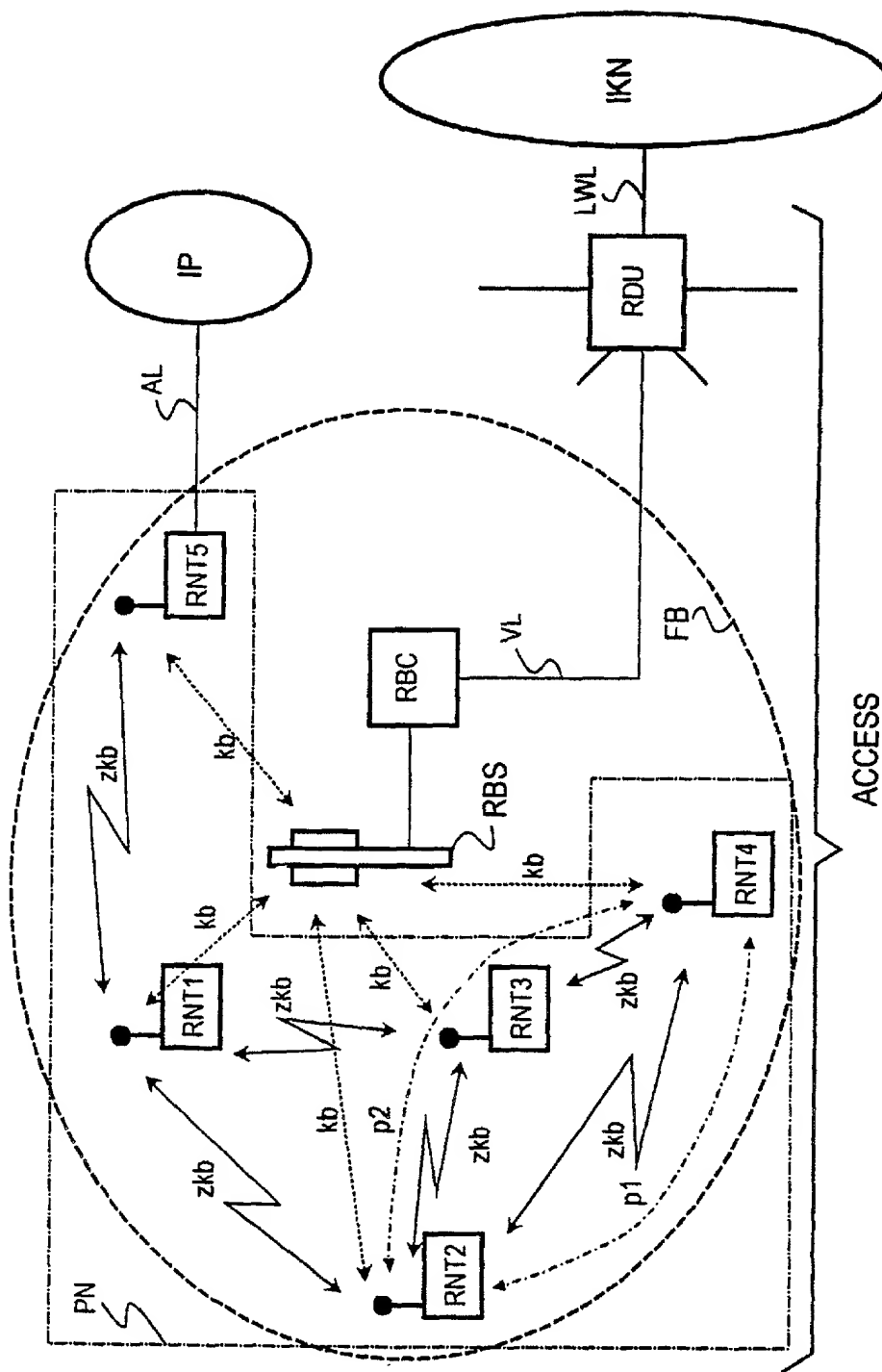
15. The communication arrangement as claimed in one
of the preceding claims, characterized in that the radio network terminating units (RNT1...5) exhibit further means for implementing a wireless
25 packet-oriented communication system (PN) according to ITU Recommendation H.323 or H.324.

Communication arrangement comprising at least one radio base station to which radio network terminating facilities for connecting communication terminals can be connected.

In a communication arrangement comprising at least one radio base station (RBS) to which radio network terminating facilities (RNT1...5) can be connected, additional wireless communication relations (zkb) via which information can be switched directly between the network terminating facilities (RNT1...5) are provided between the network terminating facilities (RNT1...5) in addition to communication relations (kb) between the radio base station (RBS) and the network terminating facilities (RNT1...5). A gradual migration toward communication networks with a decentralized organization is advantageously made possible.

Figure 1

FIG. 10



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